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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF LOUIS G. SLEEPER, 803/3005/02
TO NEAR EAST ATTACHE POSITION, BAHRAIN

REF: (A) SLEEPER COAR OF JANUARY 6, 1978;
(B) STATE 087578; (C) PARIS 11576; (D) SLEEPER/MOSER
TELECON APRIL 10

1. FOR AMBASSADOR TORRES C/O STATE/IO/UNESCO AND
WILLIAM LYLES, COORDINATOR, REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AID/PHDA FROM SLEEPER. ALSO PASS TO
CHARLES RAWLINS AID/OPT AND PIERRE SALES AID/IIA/IA/UN.
2. SLEEPER RETURNED PARIS APRIL 10 FROM TDY TO
MIDDLE EAST. PER REF B PLEASED TO LEARN OF TRANSFER/
ASSIGNMENT TO NEAR EAST ATTACHE POSITION IN BAHRAIN.
REF C SUGGESTED SUSPENSION OF ACTION. INSTEAD OF
SUSPENSION, HOWEVER, NEXT STEP SHOULD BE TO AGREE UPON
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DEPARTURE DATE FOR EMPLOYEE FROM
UNESCO/PARIS. THIS DATE SHOULD MEET NEEDS BOTH OF
AID/RDP AND US PERMDEL UNESCO AND ALSO SHOULD NOT BE
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CONTRARY TO EMPLOYEE'S INTERESTS.

3. IF SLEEPER WERE TO DEPART IMMEDIATELY FROM PARIS
EARLIEST ARRIVAL DATE IN BAHRAIN WOULD BE LATE JUNE.
THIS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE CONSULTATION IN U.S. ON
REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS PLUS HOME LEAVE. FYI-
SLEEPER HAS ALREADY EXTENDED ONE YEAR BEYOND NORMAL HOME

LEAVE AND HAS ACCUMULATED SOME 58 DAYS OF HOME LEAVE.
WOULD PROPOSE TAKING SOME 40 DAYS HOME LEAVE THIS
SUMMER AND CARRYING FORWARD SOME 18 DAYS TO NEXT
HOME LEAVE PERIOD.

4. SLEEPER HAD OPPORTUNITY ON RECENT TDY TO DISCUSS
REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS AND MOST FEASIBLE ARRIVAL DATES
WITH U.S. AMBASSADORS IN BAHRAIN, QATAR, UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES AND OMAN. IT APPEARS THAT LITTLE SIGNIFICANT
WORK COULD TAKE PLACE IN GULF REGION BETWEEN JUNE AND

AUGUST. STARTING AROUND JUNE ALL SENIOR LOCAL
DECISION-MAKERS DEPART TORRID HEAT OF GULF. RAMADAN
FROM AUGUST 5 TO SEPTEMBER 3 FURTHER INTERFERS WITH
SIGNIFICANT WORK IN GULF PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER.
PREVAILING VIEW OF EMBASSIES WAS THAT ARRIVAL IN GULF
BETWEEN JUNE AND AUGUST WOULD BE LARGELY WASTED TIME
WITH NO LOCAL CONTACTS TO BE MADE.

5. PER REF B, U.S. PERMDEL FEELS PARTICIPATION OF
SLEEPER IS NECESSARY FOR MOST OF UNESCO'S EXECUTIVE
BOARD WHICH MEETS APRIL 24 TO JUNE 9.

6. TO MEET THESE VARIOUS NEEDS, SLEEPER PROPOSES
(A) DEPARTING PARIS O/A JUNE 1 (B) SCHEDULING SOME 40
DAYS HOME LEAVE AND ONE MONTH CONSULTATION IN U.S.
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DURING JUNE TO AUGUST AND (C) ARRIVING BAHRAIN O/A
SEPTEMBER 4. THIS WOULD MAKE BEST USE OF NON-
PRODUCTIVE JUNE TO AUGUST SLACK TIME IN GULF REGION,
WOULD MEET NEED OF U.S. PERMDEL/UNESCO AND WOULD ALSO
MEET NEEDS OF EMPLOYEE.
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